with sharper focus on the girl child like Operation Blackboard, Non-formal education, District Primary Education Programmes, Lok Jumbish Perished and Shiksha Karmi Project.

(iii) State Government's initiatives for distribution of free uniforms and textbooks, attendence allowance, Savitribai Phule Foster Parent Scheme and free education for girls upto class XII.

Dependance on Russia for Spare Parts

398. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is still dependent on Russia for procurement of spare parts for defence equipment;

(b) whether Russia is not capable of exporting some important spare parts to India?

(c) if so, the alternative arrangements made by the country in this regard; and

(d) by when the country is likely to become self sufficient in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE AND DEPTT. OF DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) Government of India have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Russia on guaranteed supply of Defence equipment related items/spare parts, product support and comprehensive services needed for maintanance/repairs overhaul and modernisation. Following the break up of the erstwhile USSR, Government have also been pursuing a policy of estabilishing contacts with Russia as well as each of the successor States of the former USSR for promotion of Defence Cooperation.

Simultaneously, Government are also pursuing measures to sustain defence imports from other sources and to strengthen indigeous production facilities to ensure that the defence requirements of the country are fully met with the objective of self-reliance in production of defence spares.

Kashmiri Militants Arrested in Delhi

399. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kashmiri Militants arrested in Delhi during the last six months;

(b) their names and native addresses and details of the arms and ammunition possessed by them at the time of their arrests by Police;

(c) how many of these persons had received training in Pakistan in handling of arms and ammunition;

(d) the action taken against these persons; and

(e) whether any protest has been lodged with Pakistan and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTR'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b) 29 Kashmiri milltants have been arrested by Delhi Police during August, 1995 to 24th Feb. 1996. The names, native addresses and details of arms and ammunition recovered during their arrest and Annexed. [*See Appendix 176 Annexure No. 17*]

(c) Of the arrested persons, 24 had received training in the handling of arms and ammunition from Pakistan.

(d) The arrested persons are being dealt with in accordance with the provisions of law as mentioned against each of these persons.

(e) Government of India have time and again conveyed their concern to Pakistan regarding its support and